What to include in your Research Report

The following guidelines are to be used to help you write the report for the Group Investigation and the Individual Investigation

**PROPOSAL**

* The research question
* Purpose of the investigation
* Identification of the IV and DV
* Identification of the research design (experimental, quantitative observational, qualitative)
* Identification of the type of data used (objective quantitative, subjective quantitative, qualitative)
* Explain how data will answer the research question

**INTRODUCTION**

* Describe the focus of the investigation
* Describe the data used to address the research question
* Include any modifications to the proposal

**RESULTS**

* Summary tables that include appropriate statistics (means, median, percentages)
* Graph/s showing dependent variable against independent variable – title, labelled axis, appropriate scale and units
* Content analysis to organise data into themes
* No raw data in the main report

**DISCUSSION**

* Describe patterns observed in the results of the data
* How was the research question answered?
* Was the sample appropriate? What impact does this have on the reliability of the results?
* Analyse and evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the investigation
* Suggest possible improves to the investigation
* Identify ethical issues that were handled well
* Identify ethical issues that may have been breached
* Prepare a conclusion, including an evaluation of the investigation and how useful the results of the study may be.